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REMARKS

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1. The following air activity and aircraft were observed at Altenburg airfield between 6 and 12 June 1953:

6 June. Between 10 a.m. and 2 p.m., individual take-offs were repeatedly made by swept-back jet fighters which practiced flying at moderate altitudes for about 40 minutes. After the landing, each plane taxied toward the flight control station for refueling. Subsequently, it taxied back to the north end of the runway from where it again took off. There was a 4/10 overcast. About 2 p.m., 14 MiG-15 and U-MiG-15 planes were parked south of the flight control station and 1 Po-2 and 4 MiG-15s were observed at the north end of the runway.

8 June. There was little air activity in the afternoon. Individual swept-back jet fighters flew through the cloud cover which was not completely closed and subsequently practiced flying over the clouds for about 30 minutes. The red number 365 was identified on a MiG-15 which landed at the field.

9 June. Between 9 a.m. and 10 a.m., there was a 8/10 to 9/10 overcast and intermittent rain. No aircraft were observed aloft. Shortly after 10 a.m., a Po-2 landed at the field coming from the north.

10 June. No air activity was observed between 10 a.m. and 11 a.m. while the sky was 8/10 to 9/10 overcast. A Po-2 landed about 11 a.m. Besides the four alert planes at the north end of the runway, no aircraft were observed at the field.

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12 June. There was no air activity.

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Comment. Altenburg airfield is believed to be still occupied by a fighter regiment. Aircraft No 365 is reported for the first time from East Germany.

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